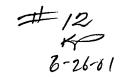
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Applicants request a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) in which to file an Appeal Brief. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) is being filed on even date herewith.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$1890.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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